Location of Visakhapatnam Railway Station

2161. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to change the location of the Railway station in Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to bring the railway station closer to the. main track, to save time;

(c) if so, the present status of this proposal;

(d) by when, this proposal would be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

.(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Rail Consultancy Services of Malaysian Companies

†2162. SHRl DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to avail of consultancy services of [4]SSB' and 'Rainhill vaisekuru' two Malaysian Companies in respect of the work for laying double rail lines;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in * Jansatta' of 23rd February, 2002 to the effect that the Ministers of the Malaysian Govemment are intervening to set the Indian contract for consultancy services awarded to both the said Companies;

(c) if so, whether the set procedure is being followed for issuing the tenders of this and similar other projects; and

(d) the number of projects which are being run by IRCON, the Railway construction company and'the number of projects under consideration?

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